

COUNTRY ~~East Germany~~ TOPIC Military Information from Altenburg

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE OF CONTENT 18 July to 18 August 1952

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REFERENCES [redacted]

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 1 to 12 August 1952, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse in Altenburg (N 51/K 27) was occupied by 600 to 700 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets mostly with artillery insignia. About 250 to 300 soldiers were seen receiving training on 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, periscopes and signal equipment during the entire period of observation. On 9 August, trucks [redacted] [redacted] prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns and a radio truck entered the installation coming from a field exercise. [redacted]

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2. During the period from 1 to 12 August, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by a rear detail consisting of 60 to 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery insignia. About 60 soldiers were seen daily engaged in athletics, performing maintenance on motor vehicles, firing with rifles, and receiving instruction on signal equipment. [redacted]

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3. During the period from 13 to 18 August, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was still occupied by a rear detail of about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. About 60 soldiers were engaged in athletics on 13 August. [redacted] \*\*

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4. During the period from 13 to 18 August 1952, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by between 500 and 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. On 13 August, about 250 soldiers were lined up in the barracks yard. On 17 August, about 300 soldiers were lined up. On 18 August, five trucks each occupied by about 30 soldiers including four trucks towing 85-mm AT guns left the barracks installation. [redacted]

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5. In mid-July, the construction of bunkers was completed about 1 km north of the Artillerie Kaserne and west of Leipziger Strasse. Eight large wooden frames, about 4 meters high and with a piece of wood about 1.5 meters square were arranged in a row placed at a right angle to the bunkers. Two watch towers were occupied by sentries from mid-July until 18 August.

- 25X1 6. During the period from 18 July to 5 August, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was partially occupied by about 250 to 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 percent of these troops were artillery insignia. Groups of about 80 soldiers each were seen engaged in intensive physical training and receiving instruction on 2 x 45-mm AT guns and 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns. Truck [ ] left the barracks installation toward the town. \*\*

- 25X1 7. During the period from 18 July to 5 August, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 percent had artillery and 20 percent had motor transport insignia. All windows were brightly lighted at dusk. Numerous recruits were seen. Groups up to 100 soldiers were seen drilling without arms and receiving instruction on 3 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 x 45-mm AT gun and 1 x 76.2-mm AT gun. Between 35 and 40 soldiers were conducting signal practice with cable reels, field telephones and portable radio sets. An athletic event with about 600 spectators took place in the barracks yard on 20 July. A total of 350 soldiers organized into four groups fell in on 2 August and subsequently drilled in close order. [ ]

- 25X1 \* [ ] Comment. The 30th (?) Army Artillery Brigade was continuously observed in the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse during this summer. Elements were rotated to Gerdraf, Altengrabow and Rindel for firing practices during the period from May to July. [ ]

- 25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. The 43d Gds Army Artillery Brigade stationed in the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse has been at the Altengrabow troop training grounds since April.

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